

Like Father, Like Son (Part 3)

Parenting God's Way

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Ephesians 6:1-4 (NIV)

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” ⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

- **Good parents are good children first! And they demonstrate and require cooperation (a good attitude) and obedience (action) from themselves and their children.** (vs. 1-2; Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 30:17)

“According to God; disobedient and rebellious children are among the most egregious forms of societal dysfunction.”

Deuteronomy 21:18-21; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

- **God has given us the key to a long, healthy, and happy life! And it is found in how we relate to our parents.** (vs. 2-3; Deuteronomy 5:16; Proverbs 10:27)

Good parenting begins with the right perspective.

Psalms 127:1-5

- ◊ **Let God build your house, submit to His will.** (*Psalms 127:1-2*)
- ◊ **You don't own your children. You are stewarding God's most prized possession.** (*Psalms 127:3*)
- ◊ **Fathers, don't destroy the good that He has placed in your children. Rather, lead with gentleness, kindness, and wisdom.** (vs. 4)
- ◊ **Fathers, you are responsible for your child's upbringing. You must bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.** (vs. 4; *Psalms 127:4*)
- ◊ **Parenting is a blessing!** (*Psalms 127:3, 5*)

“Children are heaven's missiles entrusted to earthly parents—formed carefully, guided prayerfully, and released into the world for the glory of God.”